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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Re: New U.S. Patent Application of
Inventor: Charles E. Schwarz
Title: "System and Method for Funding a Collective Account
by Use of an Electronic Tag"

Dear Sir:

Attached is a new application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including twenty three (23) pages of specification, including ten (10) pages of claims (numbered 1-35) and an Abstract, four (4) pages of drawings (Figures 1-4), and a Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) for Non-publication.

This application is being filed without a filing fee and without Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Accordingly, Applicant is believed to be entitled to a filing date based upon the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's receipt of the attached specification and drawings. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a filing date of August 13, 2001 be granted to this application. The filing fee and executed Declaration will be timely filed.

In the event any fee is due, please charge or credit any difference to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AN ELECTRONIC TAG

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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the above-referenced patent application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

Thus, I hereby request that the above-referenced patent application not be published
under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

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